

compromise, but she is also capable of holding the line when she seeks justice for those whom she services. No one would ever accuse Shelley Kessler of being a shrinking violet. However, she also seeks progress on behalf of the working men and women of San Mateo County without seeking credit for herself. In short, she is a forceful, thoughtful advocate for fair wages, safe working conditions, and for long-term public policies that benefit all San Mateo County workers.

Shelley has two bachelor's degrees from Sonoma State University and spent a year in law school. She was a trailblazer in the auto manufacturing workforce as she was hired by General Motors in 1977 during a time when the company was under a consent decree requiring it to hire more women. She worked as a spot welder on an assembly line and eventually was elected to a full-time position in the United Auto Workers. She later moved to Westinghouse Electric, working as a mechanic on turbines, generators and marine ordinance. While she was working at Westinghouse, she was also elected to leadership positions in Machinists Union Local 565.

Fortune shined on San Mateo County when Shelley applied for a job at our local labor council. She led a strong and responsive team and built relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. Her intellect, thorough understanding of issues and willingness to negotiate are legendary.

For example, San Francisco International Airport is one of the largest employers in San Mateo County. The 45,000 workers throughout this giant complex have Shelley and her partners at the labor council to thank for the outstanding working conditions that the airport director has informed me contribute to security throughout the facility. Instead of having an ever-rotating list of tens of thousands of persons with access to these critical facilities, people who enter the labor force at the airport—whether through the airport itself or various vendors—are assured a living wage and decent benefits. This directly contributes to a stable workforce that treasures the airport and honors its need for security.

Shelley also led the way in establishing PALCARE for airport workers and the surrounding community, an innovative child care center that allows working families with unusual work hours to have a safe place for childcare. She is also a leading advocate for affordable housing and affordable health care. She donates her time to the American Heart Association and to KQED, our local public television and radio affiliate, and she has preserved and strengthened the UC Berkeley Labor Center.

She has served as Vice President of the California Labor Federation, and was once selected as "Woman Labor Leader of the Year" by the federation. She has also been inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. She gets her greatest joy from her husband Dennis, a retired firefighter who discovered that being with Shelley was a step up from the energy needed to extinguish a massive blaze. The man is as cool as Shelley is hot.

Mr. Speaker, San Mateo County has had many leading citizens over the decades, including such historical figures as the founder of the Bank of America or the CEOs of giant

social media sites. Thankfully, we also have had a thoughtful, honorable advocate for working women and men: Shelley Kessler. We are losing a leader but gaining an adventurous retiree. It's doubtful that the county will ever be the same.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 505, on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 I was delayed on my way to the U.S. House of Representatives floor and missed the first vote of the series—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 863. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF THE IRON MEN HEALTH FAIR

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Iron Men Health Fair being held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, Georgia. Hosted by Macon-Bibb County, the Macon Chapter of the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition, and their partners, the Iron Men Health Fair is the manifestation of Middle Georgia's mission to improve health and wellness for men. Throughout the duration of the fair, the men of Middle Georgia will have access to a plethora of health and wellness resources, including screenings for glucose, hypertension, cholesterol, vision, hearing, body mass index, HIV, and prostate cancer.

In recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, the Iron Men Health Fair will help in the fight to defeat prostate cancer—the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United States. Prostate cancer is a complex disease that can take several forms. Some forms of this cancer are non-life-threatening, but other forms can be extremely aggressive and lethal. These subtypes of prostate cancer take more than 29,000 lives each year. In Georgia alone, 5,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and approximately 1,000 of those men will die from the disease. For African-American men, prostate cancer is 1.6 times more common and 2.4 times more deadly than for Caucasian men.

Although prostate cancer has been a story of heartbreak and tragedy for so many, it can also be one of great hope. If diagnosed early, men with prostate cancer have a 100 percent survival rate five years out. And at ten years after diagnosis, 98 percent of men who were diagnosed early remain alive and have the opportunity to lead healthy, happy lives for years to come.

This year, President Barack Obama has again declared September to be National

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This month is meant to be a time dedicated to being aware, staying informed, and making proactive decisions in the fight against this all-too-common disease. According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, early detection is the key to defeating this disease, especially for men over the age of 40. The Iron Men Health Fair embodies that mission. No cancer, especially prostate cancer, should be considered as a death sentence. With early detection, prostate cancer can be a curable and treatable disease. Getting tested regularly for prostate cancer and taking one's health seriously should not be taboo for any man. Every American deserves the chance to lead a happy, healthy life.

During the month of September, we want to honor the lives we have lost to prostate cancer, highlight how far we have come, and redouble our efforts in beating prostate cancer once and for all through continued awareness and breakthrough research. The Iron Men Health Fair collaborators' commitment to ending prostate cancer is a worthwhile one as they had over 300 men attend and participate in the fair last year. The fair may very well play an important role in saving the lives of many men this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Iron Men Health Fair, Macon-Bibb County, the Macon Chapter of the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition, and their partners for their commitment to promoting prostate cancer awareness as well as the general health and wellbeing for the men of Middle Georgia.

#### NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

#### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families, who continue to grieve their loss.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, Friday, September 16, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, at present there are more than 82,000 Americans missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars and other conflicts.

In fact, from Pinellas County, Florida alone, there are five Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War: Christos Bogiages of Clearwater, Jack DeCaire of St. Petersburg, Carl Laker of Clearwater, Dennis Neal of Tarpon Springs, and Jan Nelson of Clearwater.

As a nation, let us never forget those who were left behind, and let us continue to pursue every available effort to bring home all of our men and women who have served this great country.

I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering those who have not yet returned from the battlefield, and let us, as a nation, always recognize their great sacrifice.